GAGNON-KENNEDY

2022 CABERNET SAUVIGNON 'NAPA VALLEY CUVÉE'

Appellation:
Napa Valley

Alcohol:
14.9%

Production:
700 cases

Vineyard Selection:
Oakville, Rutherford, Calistoga, Coombsville, St. Helena, Moon Mountain & Oak Knoll.

Oak Treatment:
70% New French Oak

Marc and Michael approach this wine as the symphony made up from our historic single vineyards. When looking at Napa Valley as a whole, the terroir is wildly diverse - from warm to cool, mountain to valley floor. It's our goal for this wine to be a Gagnon-Kennedy interpretation of the valley in totality. It includes our home vineyard, the Caldwell Vineyard in Coombsville, plus Beckstoffer Georges III in Rutherford, Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper, the Old Federal Block in Oakville and Samuel Brannan in Calistoga. Each barrel that goes into the Cuvée selected first–drawing our inspiration from Krug Champagne's masterful Grande Cuvée.

Winemakers Tasting Notes:
Dark, resonant, and powerfully dense blue fruit. Rich, yet refined and bright.

Vintage Summary:
The 2022 vintage was one of the most unique in history, essentially divided into two distinct harvests: one before the intense heat wave in early September, and one after the late-September rains. The extreme weather variations in 2022 were highly site-specific, so only the best-suited terroirs and vineyards could rise to the occasion and produce outstanding wines. Fortunately, many of our vineyard sources use old-school California trellising styles instead of more modern VSP trellising. This approach elevates the fruit higher off the ground, reducing exposure to radiant heat and allowing for more shading from larger canopies. The wines of 2022 are more opulent and dense in fruit character, and we are proud that everything we bottled still retains a thread of freshness and energy.
-Marc Gagnon, Winemaker